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October 28, 2005

Mr. Robert Preiss
Congressional Staffer to Senator Durbin
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Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Mr. Preiss:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act request of October 21, 2005, in which you seek information concerning the Navy's determination regarding Admiral Boorda's decorations. Your request was received on October 21, 2005, and assigned DON Case File Number 200600067. This also confirms our telephone conversation on October 24, 2005, in which you requested a copy of Admiral Zumwalt's Memorandum for the Record.

Enclosed are copies of documents that are responsive to your request:

Congressman Stump's letter of July 13, 1999 and Under Secretary of the Navy response letter of September 24, 1999 (including Board for Correction of Naval Records letter of December 18, 1998; Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) letter of June 21, 1999)

Letter of September 10, 1998 from Commander J.W. Houck, Special Assistant for Legal and Legislative Affairs to the Secretary of the Navy, to Ms. Kimberley Desiderio, Administrative Aide to The Honorable Phil Gramm

Admiral Zumwalt's Memorandum for the Record of April 14, 1998

I have waived the search and reproduction fees associated with the processing of your request in this instance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Doris M. Lama", is positioned above the typed name.

DORIS M. LAMA
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July 13, 1999

The Honorable Richard Danzig
Secretary of the Navy
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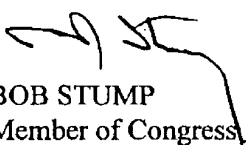
Dear Mr. Secretary,

It came as somewhat of a surprise to read that the Board for Corrections of the Naval Records had officially decided that Admiral Jeremy "Mike" Boorda was ineligible to wear the Combat Vs.

As a Member of Congress and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I would appreciate receiving a complete, unclassified copy of the official record of decision, including the recommendations of the Board and Assistant Secretary Becraft. I am also interested in knowing the names of the members serving on the Board, including the counsel, if the information is not part of the official record.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,


BOB STUMP
Member of Congress

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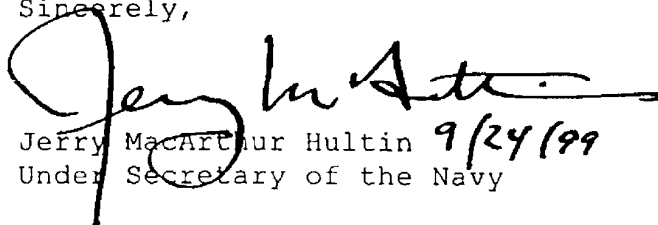
The Honorable Bob Stump
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0303

Dear Mr. Stump:

Thank you for your letter of July 13, 1999, to the Secretary of the Navy concerning the application for correction of the naval record of the late Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, USN. I am responding for Secretary Danzig.

I apologize for the slight delay in responding to your request. The delay was caused by our concerns for the potential that the release of this sensitive information might constitute an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of Admiral Boorda's family. Our analysis, however, led us to the conclusion that disclosure is mandated by the Freedom of Information Act. The decisional documents of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR) are available to the public, with personal identifiers redacted, at the Army Review Board Agency, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Room 207 in Arlington, Virginia. As a convenience to you, I am enclosing a copy of the decision you requested. The decision contains the names of the members serving on the Board.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey MacArthur Hultin 9/24/99
Under Secretary of the Navy

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